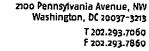
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## In the claims:

- 15. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic material on one of the first and second substrates is scattered to form forms, on heating, a saturation layer to receive a basecoat layer.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic material on one of the first and second substrates is scattered to form forms, on heating, a basecoat layer.
- 17. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the basecoat is formed by a method including the steps of: the first substrate includes a saturation layer and the thermoplastic scattered onto the first substrate includes a basecoat-forming material, and

scattering a basecoat forming material as the thermoplastic material onto a saturation layer of the first substrate; and

the applying heat forms wherein the thermoplastic on the first substrate forms, upon the heat applying, a basecoat layer on the saturation layer.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 including the steps of:

scattering a first thermoplastic material onto a first belt one of said pair of belts; and

applying the first substrate over the first thermoplastic material, wherein the first substrate is not one of said pair of belts.

wherein said scattering of powder, granules or pellets onto a first substrate comprises scattering a second thermoplastic material onto the first substrate, and

further wherein said applying heat to fuse the coatings comprises fusing the thermoplastic material to form a backing layer on one face of the first substrate and a saturation or basecoal layer on the other face of the first substrate.